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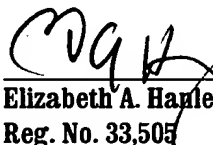
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is a response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on March 9, 2001. A separate petition for a five-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1, 2, 4-12, 47, 48, 49, and 51) without traverse. Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 47, 48, 49, and 51 are drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule, a vector comprising said molecule, a host cell transfected with a vector comprising said molecule, a method of producing a polypeptide encoded by said molecule, a kit comprising a material for measuring AS3 RNA, said material comprising

said molecule, and a method of isolating said molecule or a portion thereof, classified in, respectively, class 536, subclass 23.1, class 435, subclass 320.1, class 435, subclass 325, class 435, subclass 69.1, and class 435, subclass 91.2.

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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